



MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Assistance to United States Forest Service

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

September 2, 2012, at 2:18 p.m.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Williams Incident: On Sunday, September 2, at 2:14 p.m., a brush fire broke out on East Fork Road at Highway 39 near the Camp Williams Resort in the Angeles National Forest. Due to heavy fuel and extremely steep terrain of up to 80 degrees, the United States Forest Service (USFS) requested Los Angeles County Fire's assistance at 2:18 p.m. LACoFD resources assigned to this incident include three engine strike teams, four crew strike teams, one helitanker and one helicopter.

On Monday, September 3, at 11:30 a.m., LACoFD personnel rescued a hiker trapped at the Bridge to Nowhere in the Angeles National Forest. Approximately three hours later, USFS reported additional hikers had been spotted at the bridge. LACoFD crews dropped a firefighter into the area to conduct a search, however, no other hikers were found.

During suppression efforts, one inmate firefighter suffered severe heat exhaustion. He was transported to Foothill Presbyterian Hospital via air squad, where he was treated and released.

The fire is currently 15 percent contained and holding at 3,600 acres. Full containment is not expected until September 13. Approximately 771 firefighters are battling the blaze, aided by six heavy air tankers and eight helicopters. There is no fire involvement in Los Angeles County.

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